

*Urges Libya to keep Abdel Basset Mohamed al-Megrahi off the streets*

Pennsauken, NJ - Congressman John Adler and local family members of Pan Am 103 victims announced today a House Resolution to condemn the release of Abdel Basset Mohamed al-Megrahi, who was convicted for participating in the bombing of Pan Am 103, causing the deaths of 270 innocent people, including 189 Americans. Nine of the victims were residents of New Jersey's Third District. In addition, Congressman Adler called on Libya to put the convicted terrorist under house arrest.

"Abdel Basset Mohamed al-Megrahi should never have been let out of jail, and I urge Libya to keep this convicted terrorist off the streets," Congressman Adler said. "For years, families in South Jersey and around the world have mourned the loss of their loved ones. The release of this terrorist and his hero's welcome in Libya is despicable."

Days after Libya celebrated the return of the convicted felon, New Jersey lawmakers voiced their opposition to reports that Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi might stay in Englewood during a diplomatic visit.

"It would be a great insult to the family members of those who died on Pan Am Flight 103 to allow Moammar Gadhafi to move freely around the United States or to step foot in New Jersey," Congressman Adler said. "Rather than planning the details of his accommodations while in the United States, Gadhafi should be focused on keeping the convicted terrorist in his country off the streets."

"The release and welcome that Abdel Basset Mohamed al-Megrahi received was an insult to all those who lost loved ones on December 21, 1988. We cannot forget that this man is a murderer and the country he went back to was the sponsor of this act of terrorism. Because New York lost victims too we feel when Gadhafi comes to address the United Nations he should be restricted to the UN district only." -Kara Weipz-Lost Brother in the attack.

Congressman Adler's House Resolution will condemn Abdel Basset Mohamed al-Megrahi's release, express sympathy to all the victims' families and urge Libya to place him under house arrest.

On January 31 2001, after extensive investigation and trial, Abdel Basset Mohamed al-Megrahi was sentenced to life in prison for his role in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 from London to

New York. However, on August 20 2009, the Scottish Government released him on "compassionate grounds" to return to Libya due to terminal prostate cancer where he was greeted with a hero's welcome.

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